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*Sanitary reports from Habana.*HABANA, *March 21, 1898.*

SIR: The following report for the week ended Thursday, March 17, is respectfully submitted:

From the mortality table it will be noticed 1 death is recorded from yellow fever. This is the first death occurring from that disease in the city of Habana for nearly one month, the death reported last week having occurred in Regla.

Smallpox shows a slight decrease, but it is evident that the disease will spread to some extent until the summer at least.

It still prevails in two general hospitals where the cases are said to be isolated, but the isolation practiced here does not conform to our idea of isolating the disease.

Cases occurring outside of hospital are not properly cared for, as I observed a man convalescing from smallpox sitting in a public park removing scabs from his hands with a knife.

Deaths from intestinal diseases show a marked decrease.

Influenza is reported to exist in epidemic form, but no cases have yet come under my observation.

There is a marked diminution in the number of deaths in the military hospitals, but as fresh troops are arriving from Spain every ten days, and about 15,000 have arrived since January 1, with the approach of the warm weather a heavier mortality will result.

The harbor work of inspection of crews and vessels is still increasing, and is performed under disadvantages by the absence of our launch awaiting repairs.

The steam launch hired in the emergency being slow and not easy to handle.

NUMBER OF PERSONS APPLYING FOR PASSENGER CERTIFICATES.

	Granted.	Refused.
Florida:		
Key West.....	33	.....
Tampa.....	53	.....
New York:		
Ward Line.....	11	.....
New Orleans:		
Morgan Line.....	10	.....
Total.....	107	.....

Very respectfully,

W. F. BRUNNER,

Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

Mortality of the city of Habana and town of Regla for the week ended Thursday, March 17, 1898.

Cause of death.	Habana.	Regla.	Total.
Yellow fever.....	1	.....	1
Enteric fever.....	11	1	12
Pernicious fever.....	6	1	7
Malarial fever.....	7	2	9
Smallpox.....	15	.....	15
Caquexia paludica.....	15	3	18
Enteritis.....	50	2	52
Dysentery.....	25	18	43
Diarrhea.....	3	1	4
Pneumonia.....	6	.....	6
Tuberculosis.....	46	3	49
Meningitis.....	2	.....	2
Deaths from all causes.....	323	34	357
Deaths in military hospitals.....	68	29	97
Deaths in military hospitals from yellow fever.....	1	.....	1
Annual ratio per 1,000.....	.....	.....	92.82

HABANA, March 25, 1898.

SIR: The following report for the week ended Thursday, March 24, is respectfully submitted:

There were 2 deaths from yellow fever—one in Habana, the other in Regla; both of them occurred in military hospitals.

There is some slight decrease in the number of deaths from smallpox. Assistant Sanitary Inspector Dudley made an inspection of Regla on Wednesday, March 23, which resulted in the discovery of several cases in different stages of the disease, and the patients were mingling with the other people of the village.

In one house was found a family of several persons, three of whom were in the pustular stage; all of them were living in one room.

I would again invite attention to the fact that the Spanish Transatlantic Steamship Company persists in allowing persons to go to New York on the steamers of their line when they are refused certificates at this office on account of their not being protected from smallpox.

The steamship *San Augustin* of that line left Sunday, March 20, with at least five passengers not having certificates.

It would appear that these persons fare as well at port of arrival as those who are protected by vaccination and who bear certificates to that effect from this office.

While many persons are now applying at this office for vaccination, traffic to the United States has increased but little.

During the past week, over 300 persons have applied at this office for vaccination.

The harbor work is still increasing, and has been performed under some difficulties on account of the launch *Gamma* being disabled, compelling us to use a slow steam launch which is also out of repair.

The new coil for the *Gamma* has arrived, and that boat will be placed in commission to-morrow.

NUMBER OF PERSONS APPLYING FOR PASSENGER CERTIFICATES.

	Granted.	Refused.
Florida:		
Key West.....	40	.....
Tampa.....	53	.....
New York:		
Ward Line.....	49	.....
Spanish Line.....	5	Several passengers left without certificates.
British steamship Victoria.....	1	.....
New Orleans (Morgan Line):		
Key West.....	1
New Orleans.....	13
Total.....	162	

Very respectfully,

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[Inclosure.]

Mortality of the city of Habana and town of Regla for the week ended Thursday, March 24, 1898.

Cause of death	Habana.	Regla.	Total.
Yellow fever.....	1	1	2
Enteric fever.....	6	.....	6
Pernicious fever.....	4	.....	4
Malarial fever.....	2	7	9
Smallpox.....	9	1	10
Enteritis.....	47	13	60
Dysentery.....	27	12	39
Diarrhea.....	4	1	5
Pneumonia.....	11	.....	11
Tuberculosis.....	37	2	39
Caquexia Paludica.....	15	1	16
Meningitis.....	4	.....	4
Deaths from all causes.....	324	52	376
Deaths in military hospitals.....	67	42	109
Deaths in military hospitals from yellow fever.....	1	1	2
Annual ratio per 1,000.....			97.76

JAPAN.

*Sanitary report from Yokohama.*YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *March 4, 1898.*

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith my regular report of infectious disease in Japan for period of February 24 to March 3, inclusive.

Among the cases of plague returned from Formosa is included that of a surgeon in the Japanese garrison of Taipeh.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

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